MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The budgetted amount is Rs. 2,500.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether this was spent as T. A. for Anchalmasters etc.?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The posts of Anchalmen and clerks have been cadered and provincialised. The amount is allotted to them for the purpose. I do not know whether the whole amount has been spent, because it has been distributed to the various offices. I do not have the statistics with me to say whether all the amount has been spent?

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether he would enquire whether it is made use of?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: Certainly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether when the journey is performed in accordance with their own request, travelling allowance is given?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No travelling allowance is given when the journey is on their own request.

Distribution of kerosene in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks.

333. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is a widespread complaint regarding the distribution of kerosene in Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum taluks?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government have received any complaint regarding this matter?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: A complaint was received from the honourable member himself. The matter was enquired into and prompt action was taken to see that the grievance is removed.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know the nature of the action and the relief that has been given?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: From June onwards, kerosene was distributed at 50 per cent. more than the previous issue and still the people who complained continued to represent that they were not getting enough kerosene. We can give only according to the available stock; and all available stock is being distributed according to the ration cards. And for special purposes special supplies are made.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether steps will be taken for the distribution of kerosene on the basis of the ration cards that have been issued for the purchase of foodstuffs, as is being done in regard to textiles?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: You mean the special ration cards?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Now the arrangement is that cloth will be distributed on the basis of the ration cards for foodstuffs. May I know whether it will be possible for distributing kerosene also on the basis of that?

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MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: With regard even to textiles, we will be issuing special ration cards, because it is desirable not to mix it with ration cards for foodstuffs.

PRESIDENT: The orders have already been passed.

Petrol supplied to the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Co. Ltd., Alwaye.

334. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state, how many gallons of petrol are supplied to the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Co. Ltd., Alwaye every month?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: 1,350 gallons per month approximately.

Complaints about Mr. A. R. Padmanabha Rao, Second Judge, Alleppey.

335. * MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they or the High Court have received complaints about Mr. A. R. Padmanabha Rao, Second Judge, Alleppey, and if so, what action they have taken in the matter.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI; Yes. The matter was enquired into and it was found that the allegations in the complaints were not proved.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the honourable member the nature of the allegations made against Mr. Padmanabha Rao?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I may submit, Sir, that the whole matter is confidential. There were allegations of corruption.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what was the nature of the enquiry made? Who was sent to enquire?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The High Court enquired into the matter and I may state for your information that the complainant himself backed out.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why a public enquiry was not made?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: A public enquiry was not called for in the ciurcumstances. If the honourable member himself would make a definite statement on the floor of the House, a formal enquiry would be considered.

PRESIDENT: But the complainant himself withdrew the complaint. Now, there was a complaint. Very elaborate particulars were given of the days and occasions on which bribes were taken or alleged to be taken by this member of the judicial department, and also as to the supplies that were demanded, and so on and so forth. Then the High Court ordered an enquiry into the matter and made certain enquiries. In the meantime the complainant withdrew the complaint and stated he did not even sign the complaint. Then how can the matter be proceeded with?

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